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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1234
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TECHNOLOGY PARKS FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up women technology parks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up more technology parks for women;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government have initiated any steps to provide adequate infrastructure facilities at these parks;

(f) if so, the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme during 2001-2002, State-wise; and

(g) the plans for 2002-2003 for women entrepreneurs in this sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (g) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1234 FOR 25-02-2
REGARDING TECHNOLOGY PARKS FOR WOMEN

To develop and demonstrate appropriate location specific technologies relevant to rural women, the Government has set up three Technology Parks for women one in the arid zone at Barmer in Rajasthan, one in west-coastal region at Shivali Village, Manipal in Karnataka and one in hill region at Mehuwala Village in Dehradun.The positive impact of these Parks has resulted in setting up 12 more Women Technology Parks in different agro-climatic regions of the country including 3 in the North-Eastern States, to enable rural women to make the best use of proven S&T interventions. Under this Programme low cost worksheds, some tools, implements and minor equipment are provided as infrastructure and for training purposes.

The scheme aims at developing models for different agro-climatic regions and is not state specific. Proposals for setting up some more parks in other agro-climatic regions have been received. Total amount spent on these Technology Parks during 2001-2002 is Rs.126.80 lakhs and that of 2002-2003 (till date) is Rs.141.98 lakhs.